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Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Specimen Collection:

1. Follow exactly the instructions that are on the GenProbe Aptima Combo 2 Assay Unisex Specimen Collection Kit. **Use only the swabs and the transport tube that are with the kit. Do not use expired transport tubes.**
2. For female endocervical specimens: Use the white shaft cleaning swab to remove excess mucus from cervical os and discard. Use the blue shaft swab to collect the specimen. Insert swab into the endocervical canal, rotate clockwise for 10-30 sec, remove carefully and place swab into the transport tube. Carefully break the swab shaft at the scoreline.
3. For male urethral specimens: Use the blue shaft swab to collect the specimen. Insert swab 2-4 cm into the urethra, rotate for 2-3 sec, remove carefully and place swab into the transport tube. Carefully break the swab shaft at the scoreline.
4. Make sure the cap is tightly secured to the tube.
5. Label tube with patient name and date of collection. Use writing implements that do not smear. Specimens without a patient ID and collection date will be considered unsatisfactory and will not be tested.
6. Insert only the transport tube(s) in the mailing container, wrap the requisition form(s) around the **outside** of the container and place the container inside a 1st Class envelope.
7. Mail the specimen(s) at room temperature. Specimen(s) must arrive at our facility within 60 days of collection.